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(U) BREAKING NEWS

(U) Sweden – Stockholm Truck Attack Leaves Two Dead and Many Injured

(U) Stockholm – At least two people were killed when a truck was driven into pedestrians on the busiest street in the center of Stockholm, the Swedish Security Service said. A large number of people were injured in the attack, which happened just before 3 p.m. local time on Friday. People were seen fleeing the area in panic. Police in Stockholm have urged people to stay at home and avoid the city center. Parliament and the Stockholm subway were placed in lockdown. "Many things point to this being a terror attack," Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven told reporters in Sweden. Local media reported that the truck used in the attack had been hijacked earlier. Security services launched an investigation into whether more than one person was involved in carrying out the attack.

SOURCE: 7 April 2017, [CNN](#)

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(U) San Gabriel – Child Trafficking Ring Shut Down

(U) A multi-agency taskforce dismantled a child prostitution ring operating out of a San Gabriel motel officials said. The task force was checking up on felons released on probation when they came upon the ring. Three teenage girls were rescued and three suspects were arrested.

SOURCE: 6 April 2017, [Pasadena Star News](#)

(U) Santa Paula – Drug Smuggling Ring Shut Down in Jail

(U) The Ventura County Sheriff's Office arrested three people in connection with a scheme to smuggle drugs into the Todd Road Jail according to officials. Two inmates and one civilian smuggled drugs into the jail through mail addressed to uninvolved inmates and themselves. All three are facing drug related charges and conspiracy charges.

SOURCE: 7 April 2017, [Moorpark Acorn](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Identity Thieves Hack Financial Aid Applicants

(U) Washington – The information of up to 100,000 taxpayers may have been stolen in a security breach of a tool used to apply for federal student aid, known as FAFSA, according to Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen. The breach was discovered in March after identity thieves tried to use personal information gained from the hack to file false tax returns. Around \$30 million in false returns have already been issued. A criminal investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 6 April 2017, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Launches Missile Strikes Against Syria

(U) Washington – The US has launched 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at a government airfield in response to the suspected chemical weapons attack by the Syrian government against rebels in the ongoing civil war. The strike was meant to target aircraft, aircraft shelters, storage areas, ammunition

supply bunkers, and air defense systems as well as chemical weapons supposedly being held at the airfield, according to the Pentagon. This is the first time the US has taken direct action against the Syrian government. There are at least six confirmed deaths.

SOURCE: 7 April 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Former TCO Head Recieves Life Sentence

(U) Washington – Alfredo Beltran Lyva was sentenced to life in a US prison after pleading guilty to charges that he ran a multi-billion dollar operation that smuggled tons of cocaine and methamphetamine into the US. The Beltran Leyva cartel was known to smuggle drugs and run human trafficking operations as a part of the larger Sinaloa cartel under Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman. The judge has also ordered Beltran Leyva to forfeit more than \$529 million to the government.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, [NY Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Mexican Official Shared Information With Cartels

(U) Mexico City – US prosecutors have announced that the commander of the Mexican police information sharing unit was passing on information on a DEA investigation in exchange for millions of dollars. Ivan Reyes Arzate has been charged with obstructing an investigation into the Beltran Leyva drug cartel. He was caught advising the target of an investigation to destroy all his communication devices, as well as alerting another suspect that he was under surveillance. Reyes Arzate had been the principle point of contact for information sharing between Mexico and the US according to the US Department of Justice.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Philippines – Couple Arrested in Terror Plot

(U) Manila – Philippine security forces have arrested a Kuwaiti man and a Syrian woman for suspected links to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS). The two are suspected of planning bomb attacks on behalf of ISIS after information from Kuwait and the US was shared with the Philippine government. Both are likely to be deported to their country of origin, the man to Kuwait and the woman to Qatar. The two have no known ties to domestic Philippine militants.

SOURCE: 7 April 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Spain – Basque Separatists to Disarm on Saturday

(U) Madrid – The Basque militant group ETA has announced that it will hand over all weapons on Saturday 8 April to civil representatives. The announcement comes after a long negotiation with the Spanish government following the 2011 ceasefire. The group has been credited with killing over 800 people over 40 years in both Spain and France. The news comes after reports of negotiations between the group and the two governments earlier this year.

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